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(d) The recession can be checked to a very limited extent (site specific only) through artificial measures. Marginal reduction in melting rate can be achieved by spray of saw dust/chemicals over the surface of the Glacier Ice only for limited period.

Implementation of minor irrigation schemes for STs

858. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing minor irrigation schemes for STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years,

(c) the amount earmarked and utilized under this scheme; and

(d) the present status of each scheme State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV: (a) and (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has initiated a special programme to provide 100 per cent financial assistance to States for taking up minor irrigation schemes for lands owned by STs during 2005-06. For the purpose, Planning Commission had earmarked an amount of Rs. 50 crore during 2005-06 and Rs. 150 crore during 2006-07 in the budget of MoTA. The projects are aimed to enhance the productivity of land belonging to tribals, water harvesting, soil conservation and promote economic development, improve socio-economic conditions, generate employment and improvement of biodiversity and ecological conservation and thereby poverty alleviation of tribal people residing in tribal areas.

(c) and (d) The State-wise details of funds allocated/released during 2005-06 and 2006-07 by MoTA under the scheme are given in the Statement (See below). Utilization certificates for the funds released during 2005-06 have not yet become due.

Statement

*Funds released by Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Minor Irrigation
Schemes to benefit STs during 2005-06 and 2006-07*

SI. No. States/UTs	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)	
	During 2005-06	During 2006-07
1. Andhra Pradesh	720.00	895.00
2. Assam	Nil	106.20
3. Bihar	Nil	135.00
4. Gujarat	824.00	1333.00
5. Himachal Pradesh	Nil	60.00
6. Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	197.00
7. Karnataka	Nil	617.00
8. Madhya Pradesh	1009.00	2180.00
9. Maharashtra	Nil	795.20
10. Manipur	Nil	245.00
11. Orissa	643.00	217.00
12. Rajasthan	Nil-	632.50
13. Sikkim	Nil	20.00
14. Tripura	Nil	177.00
15. West Bengal	845.00	781.09
16. Mizoram	91.00	150.00
17. Nagaland	Nil	314.65
18. Jharkhand	Nil	1263.00
19. Chhattisgarh	729.00	862.13
20. Uttaranchal	Nil	46.00
21. Goa	Nil	32.08
22. Tamil Nadu	139.00	Nil
GRAND TOTAL :	5000.00	11058.85